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March 11, 2016

Mr. Gary Young IBEW Local 48 15937 NE Airport Way Portland, OR 97230

And sent via email: <u>busmgr@ibew48.com</u>

Subject: Complaint filed by Mike Tiufekchiev, PDC Case No. 3204

Formal Written Warning: Southwest Washington Electricians PAC 48

Dear Mr. Young:

We received a complaint filed by Mike Tiufekchiev on February 23, 2016 alleging that the Tim Probst for Senate campaign may have violated RCW 42.17A.405(14) by accepting over-limit campaign contributions from Southwest Washington Electricians PAC 48 (SWE PAC 48), and IAFF Local 452 (IAFF 452).

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and found the following:

- SWE PAC 48 contributed \$900 to the Probst campaign on 2/18/2013. They made two more contributions of \$950 on 2/1/2016. This brings their over-limit contributions to \$900.
- IAFF Local 452 made two \$900 contributions to the Probst campaign on 2/13/2013. They made two more contributions of \$950 on 2/9/2016, bringing their over-limit contributions to \$1800.
- The Probst campaign reported the contributions on C3 reports dated 2/13/2013, 2/25/2013, 2/10/2016 and 2/14/2016. The total reported over-limit contributions equal \$2700.
- Tim Probst has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

After reviewing the Probst Campaign's C3 reports from 2013 and 2016, it appears that the over-limit contribution from SWE PAC 48 was accepted and reported, which appears to constitute a violation of RCW 42.17A.405(2). During the relevant time periods, the limit for contributions from Unions and PACs was \$950 per election. Your organization's \$900 dollar contribution during 2013 was attributable to the 2016 election cycle.

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In accordance with WAC 390-37-060(b), this is a Formal Written Warning. You are instructed to work with the Probst Campaign to come into compliance with RCW 42.17A.405(2) by seeking the return of over-limit campaign contributions. If the over-limit contributions are returned and these corrections are made within 30 calendar days of the date of this letter, this matter will be considered resolved. If there are future violations of PDC laws or rules, the Commission will consider this Formal Written Warning in deciding on further Commission action. If you fail to correct this situation, the PDC will reopen this complaint, and you may face an enforcement action.

If you have questions, you may contact Jacob Berkey at (360) 586-4555 or Jacob.Berkey@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Fielding Lope

Executive Director

Enclosure: Letter to Mike Tiufekchiev